

**Resolution authorizing a one year contract with the Franklin Park Conservatory to construct an apiary in the Community Garden Campus and to provide programs about the importance of honeybees to our environment and economy  
(COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS) (\$50,000)**

**WHEREAS,** in 2007, Ohio's apiculture industry lost approximately 72% of its honeybee hives to colony collapse and harsh weather; and

**WHEREAS,** Franklin Park Conservatory, a joint recreation district and one of Ohio's most significant urban parks dedicated to the promotion of environmental appreciation and ecological awareness, provides lifelong learning opportunities through its extensive botanical collections and community gardening; and

**WHEREAS,** the Conservatory's new Community Garden Center will contain an apiary and beekeeping program which will educate people about the importance of honeybees and other pollinators, encourage entrepreneurial participation in the apicultural industry, and support agriculture and the green industry throughout Franklin County and Ohio; and

**WHEREAS,** in the interest of increasing the number of bee colonies in Franklin County and promoting the economic benefits of beekeeping, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby support the Franklin Park Conservatory apiary program and do so pursuant to Sections 755.16 and 755.18 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, and the attached contract with Franklin Park Conservatory for the period September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 in the amount of \$50,000 are hereby approved.

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cc: Auditor  
Franklin Park Conservatory